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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN HELD WELL-COVERED PRESS CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN SEPT 26. AS STATED BY SINN FEIN PRESIDENT RUAIRI O BRADAIGH THE PURPOSE WAS TO KICK OFF AN INTENSIVE THREE-WEEK PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN "ENCOURAGING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR PHASED AND ORDERLY BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE NORTH" AND "TO REASSURE THE UNIONIST MINDED PEOPLE THAT WE SEEK TO BUILD STRUCTURES WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THEIR RIGHTS, NOT TO DOMINATE THEM, IN AN EXTENSION OF THE 26-COUNTY STATE."

2. O BRADAIGH SAID THAT THE TRUCE AGREEMENT (BETWEEN PROVOS AND HMG) WAS "REAL," BUT HE WOULD NOT SPECIFY WHETHER IT WAS A WRITTEN OR VERBAL AGREEMENT. IN REGARD TO THE RECENT BOMBING BLITZ HE SAID THAT "THE BRITISH HAVE NOT BEEN KEEPING THE TRUCE AND THIS HAS CAUSED RETALIATION," BUT HE WAS CAREFUL TO REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING THE EXACT STATUS OF THE "TRUCE" AT THE MOMENT. (NOTE: IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT ISSUED IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY THE PROVISIONAL IRA ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD INSTRUCTED ITS UNITS TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION "AGAINST EACH AND EVERY VIOLATION OF THE TRUCE IN THE FUTURE.")

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3. ACCORDING TO O BRADAIGH THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL FEATURE

250,000 LEAFLETS, IN ENGLISH AND IRISH, EXPLAINING THE SINN FEIN POSITION AND ESPECIALLY ITS PLANS FOR A FEDERAL GOVT AFTER THE BRITISH PULL-OUT. THE LEAFLETS CONDEMN "PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS IN THE NORTH AND, IN THE MAIN, POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE SOUTH." IN THE QUESTION SESSION O BRADAIGH WAS VERY CRITICAL OF THE DUBLIN GOVT, WHICH, HE SAID, HAD SHOWN NO REACTION TO NINE MONTHS OF TRUCE. " I BELIEVE THAT THE DUBLIN GOVT WOULD NOT BE SORRY IF THE TRUCE WERE ENDED."

4. COMMENT: PRESS CONFERENCES BY THE PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN IN DUBLIN ARE NOT UNUSUAL, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST ONE WE HAVE NOTED IN SOME MONTHS. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THE PROVISIONALS HAVE BEEN MAKING STRENOUS EFFORTS TO INCREASE THEIR POPULAR FOLLOWING THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC, AND O BRADAISH'S SOOTHING AND MODERATE TONE WAS PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN. H WAS TAKING GREAT PAINS TO EMPHASIZE HOW PEACEFUL THINGS WOULD BE AFTER IRELAND IS UNIFIED, AND WAS TRYING HARD TO REASSURE THE PROTESTANTS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN "NIN-COUNTY" REGIONAL GOVT IN A FEDERATED SYSTEM. CURLEY

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